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**PEN OFFERS CAREER WORKSHOP IN BRANCHVILLE** Doug Evans and Lisa Martin of PEN facilitated a Career Path Planning workshop for 47 staff and offenders at the Branchville Correctional facility on Thursday. The workshop focused on Self Assessment, Time management, Job Retention and how to build a meaningful career when leaving a period of incarceration.

**LIFE WITHOUT LIMBS:** Yesterday World renowned motivational speaker Nick Vujicic, born with Tetra-Amelia Syndrome, a rare disorder characterized by the absence of arms or legs visited the Correctional Industrial yesterday. His words of inspiration detailed his travels around the globe to prove that every life can have purpose and meaning.



## **MADISON JUVENILE CORRECTIONAL FACILITY BECOMES FIRST PREA COMPLIANT FACILITY IN**



**INDIANA!** A few weeks ago Madison Juvenile Correctional Facility successfully passed the PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) audit for an Indiana correctional facility. MJCF welcomed auditor Pat Sussex from Michigan who is an experienced juvenile auditor and provided excellent guidance throughout the audit. The intensive process to become compliant began in November 2014 with the review of existing procedures, application of the PREA standards, and documentation review. The final result was MJCF was materially compliant with each of the PREA Juvenile Standards.

**VOLUNTEERS MADE THE DIFFERENCE!** In this year's annual Correctional Professional Assistance Fund of Indiana (CPAFI) golf outing at Eagle Creek Golf Club. While the total amount is still being totaled, organizers are pleased with the turnout.



## **INDIANA CHAMBER ORCHESTRA DISSPELS MYTHS OF CLASSICAL**

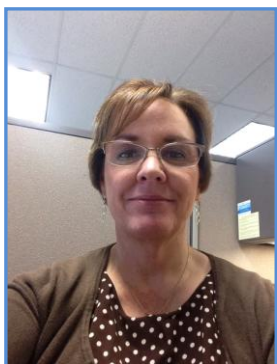
**MUSIC:** The Indiana Chamber Orchestra recent performance at the Pam Cline Memorial Chapel at The Indiana Women's Prison not only entertained offenders and staff they also disproved the following myths 1. Classical music is for rich people. 2. Anyone who takes music lessons comes from a wealthy background. 3. Music without lyrics is boring. 4. All classical music sounds the same. Needless to say the staff and offenders left with a deeper understanding and appreciation of classical music.



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## IDOC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



"Show me the money!" That would be one way of summing up what brought what brought this Donna Saine to the IDOC back in 1994. Yep, while looking for a office work she quickly realized that officers were paid a lot more, so she went for it. And after nineteen plus years with the Department she's in Central Office and you guess it – Payroll!

After digging through some Music Hall of Fame documents (I take my background checks very seriously) I discovered something about Donna. Not only is she the 10<sup>th</sup> of 11 children - she was the inspiration for the Beach Boy song "California Girl"! Yep born in Pacima, California this mother of two and grandmother of two is a living breathing and hard working icon. de an icon.

At work Donna is known for her helpfulness and sees her future in five years not too much different than it is now. "I have to admit there are times that if it wasn't for Donna no one would get paid." Remarked one co-worker who asked I not divulge her name. "I can't believe they don't pay her twice as much as they do! And yes I wish they all could be this California Girl!" As if on cue a spontaneous round of applause erupted from surrounding cubicles.

Ms. Saine says she likes the staff members and the friendly office and knowing that when I complete something it is done – at least for another two weeks. She's admitted that what she would do or change if she was Commissioner and is probably pondering the question even as we speak (you might want to ask her if she has thought of anything yet).

Donna was quick respond when asked what she would ask the Commissioner if she the chance. "In your years of experience what do you think prepared your for the position you are in today?"

When not at work this California Girl likes to spend time with her family and friends. and believes "I asked her what advice she would give to someone thinking about a career with the IDOC. "This is a great place to work. It's not what you might perceive it to be in reality it more than you could imagine."

Although somewhat quiet and shy in many respects Donna would put up her enchiladas and lasagna up against anyone, anywhere, anytime. Finally this Cali Girl's personal motto is "You can do anything if you put your mind to it and pray about it." **HAVE A GREAT WEEKEND!**



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